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TO:

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FROM:

David W. Darby, Sr. Reclamation Specialist 

RE:

Substantial Email, Anonymous Phone Call from a Concerned Citizen, Canyon Fuel Company, LLC, Solider Canyon Mine, [REDACTED]

Attached is an email containing information about a natural gas company conducting operations in an area outside of Solider Canyon Mine, Price Utah with potential of causing environment harm. This email was sent to Pamela Grubaugh-Littig, Pete Hess and Sheila Morrison September 28, 2000, From Dave Darby.

Pete Hess conducted a Technical Field Visit on September 22, 2000. This report can be found in the Division Public Information Center, Internal document folder for Solider Canyon Mine, (ACT/007/018).

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Attachment:

cc: Pete Hess

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From: Dave Darby
To: Pam Grubaugh-Littig; Pete Hess; Sheila Morrison
Date: 9/28/00 1:50PM
Subject: Anonymous Phone Call from Concerned Citizen

This E-mail is a follow-up of the information I presented to you earlier about an anonymous telephone call from a concerned citizen.

On Friday, September 22, 2000, Sheila received a telephone call from a person who would not give his name, but wanted to inform the Division of a situation of potential environmental harm.

Sheila tried to find someone in management who could answer the call, but the managers were in the Trail Canyon Bond Release discussing issues with the Water Users. I took the call to see if I could help.

The caller reported that the natural gas company conducting operations in the vicinity was removing a compressor which used a large oil tank. The oil tank was excavated leaving a pit about 20 feet deep.

I asked again if the caller would give his name and mentioned that it would be held confidential. He said that he didn't want to, because he conducts business with the company and didn't want to cause problems.

He stated that the pit smelled like fuel and was soaked with oil. The company was close to backfilling the hole. He wanted to let us know because he thought there was potential harm to the stream if the oils leaked to the stream, which is about 50 feet down dip of the pit.

I asked if the pit was on mining property, and the caller stated that he thought it was. I told him it may be a Leaky Underground Storage Tank (LUST) situation under Division of Environmental Quality's control, but I would check to see if one of our inspectors in Price could look at the situation. I told him to call back if nobody showed up in a couple hours.

I called the Price Field Office to see if any inspectors could go out to the site. I eventually talked to Pete, he said he would go out to the mine and check it out. I heard later that Pete went out on site and would follow up his field visit with an E-main. Apparently, the pit was not on the minesite and Pete did not see any oil saturated soil in the pit.